

BOARD-ADOPTED TFCA POLICIES AND EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR FY 2003/04

Policies may apply to one or more of the following funds/programs: Program Manager Funds, Regional Funds, Vehicle Incentive Program (VIP). The funds/programs that each policy applies to are indicated in parentheses following the policy. Guidance documents for each fund/program will contain only the policies pertaining to that fund/program in order to provide clarity to applicants. New policy language (adopted by the Air District Board of Directors in January 2003) is italicized.

BASIC ELIGIBILITY

1. **TFCA Cost-Effectiveness:** The Air District Board will not approve any grant application for TFCA Regional Funds that has a TFCA funding effectiveness level equal to or greater than *\$90,000* of TFCA funds per ton of total ROG, NO_x, and PM₁₀ reduced (\$/ton).

This policy does not apply to clean air vehicle projects for passenger cars, pick-up trucks, and vans with a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or less. These projects are limited to the funding amounts specified in *Policy 23, Light-Duty Clean Air Vehicle Funding Participation*.

Annual expenditure plans for County Program Manager funds must achieve an aggregate TFCA cost-effectiveness of less than *\$90,000* per ton. To calculate aggregate cost-effectiveness, total TFCA Program Manager funds allocated in the annual county expenditure plan are divided by the combined lifetime emissions reductions estimate for projects in the expenditure plan. Only funds allocated to projects for which cost-effectiveness worksheets are required, are included in the aggregate cost-effectiveness calculation. The following are excluded in the calculation of aggregate TFCA cost-effectiveness: TFCA Program Manager administrative costs, alternative fuel infrastructure projects, light-duty clean air vehicles with a GVW of 10,000 pounds or less, and TFCA Program Manager funds allocated for the regional ridesharing program. **(Regional Funds; Program Manager Funds)**

2. **Reduce Emissions:** Each project must result in a reduction of motor vehicle emissions. **(Regional Funds; Program Manager Funds; VIP)**
3. **Viable Project:** Each project application should identify sufficient resources to accomplish the project. Applications that are speculative in nature, or are contingent on the availability of unknown resources or funds, will not be considered for funding. **(Regional Funds; Program Manager Funds; VIP)**

4. **Responsible Public Agency:** TFCA funds may only be awarded to public agencies. These agencies must be responsible for the implementation of the project and have the authority and capability to complete the project. **(Regional Funds; Program Manager Funds; VIP)**
5. **Non-Public Entities:** A public agency may apply for TFCA funds for clean air vehicles on behalf of a non-public entity when one or more of the following conditions are met:
 - a) the non-public entity will use the vehicle(s) to provide, under permit or contract, an essential public service that would otherwise be provided directly by the public agency (e.g., refuse collection, street-cleaning, school bus service, etc.); or
 - b) the non-public entity will use the vehicle(s) to provide to the general public, under permit or contract, transportation demand management services (e.g., vanpools, shuttles to transit stations, door-to-door airport shuttles, taxi services, etc.) or services that provide members of the public with an opportunity to use electric vehicles, e.g., through station car projects, car rental services, or car-sharing programs.

As a condition of receiving TFCA funds on behalf of a non-public entity, the public agency must provide a written, binding agreement that commits the non-public entity to operate the clean air vehicle(s) within the Air District for the duration of the useful life of the vehicle(s). In those situations where multiple non-public entities are under contract or permit to provide the service described in a or b above, the public agency must provide a written policy which demonstrates that the vehicle incentive funds will be offered on an equitable basis to all of the non-public entities which are providing the service. **(Regional Funds; Program Manager Funds; VIP)**

6. **Consistent with Existing Plans and Programs:** All projects must conform to the types of projects listed in the California Health and Safety Code Section 44241 and the transportation control measures and mobile source measures included in the Air District's applicable Clean Air Plan (CAP) or the Bay Area 2001 Ozone Attainment Plan, and, when applicable, with the appropriate Congestion Management Program. **(Regional Funds; Program Manager Funds; VIP)**
7. **Matching Funds:** The Air District will not enter into a funding agreement for an approved project until all project funding has been approved and secured. For project applications requesting greater than \$100,000 in TFCA Regional Funds, project sponsors must provide matching funds from non-TFCA sources, which equal or exceed 20% of the total project cost. TFCA County Program Manager Funds do not count toward fulfilling the non-TFCA matching funds requirement. Project applications for TFCA Regional Funds of \$100,000 or less may request 100% TFCA funding. **(Regional Funds)**

8. **Authorizing Resolution:** Regional Fund grant applications must include a resolution from the governing board (e.g., City Council, Board of Supervisors, Board of Directors, etc.) authorizing the submittal of the application and identifying the individual authorized to submit and carry out the project. Applications submitted without an authorizing resolution will be returned to the sponsor and will not be scored if the adopted resolution is not received within 30 days of the application submittal deadline. **(Regional Funds)**
9. **Minimum Score:** The Air District will not award funds to any project which achieves a score of less than 40 points (out of a possible 100 points) based upon the project evaluation and scoring criteria listed in *Section II of the Regional Fund Guidance document*. **(Regional Funds)**
10. **Minimum Amount:** Only projects requesting \$10,000 or more in TFCA Regional Funds will be considered for funding. For clean air vehicle projects only, smaller funding applications will be accepted and considered. **(Regional Funds)**
11. **Maximum Amount:** No single project or competitive funding application may receive more than \$1,000,000 in TFCA Regional Funds in any given fiscal year. This limitation does not include any Program Manager Funds the project sponsor may receive for the project. **(Regional Funds)**
12. **Readiness:** Projects will be considered for funding only if the project will commence in calendar year 2004 or sooner. For purposes of this policy, commence means to order or accept delivery of vehicles or other equipment being purchased as part of the project, to begin delivery of the service or product provided by the project, or to award a construction contract. **(Regional Funds)**
13. **Maximum One Year Operating Costs:** For projects which request operating funds to provide a service, such as ridesharing programs and shuttle and feeder bus projects, the Air District will provide funding on an annual basis: i.e., the District will approve funding for one annual budget cycle. Applicants who seek TFCA Regional Funds for additional years must re-apply for funding in the next funding cycle. **(Regional Funds)**
14. **Project Revisions:** If project revisions become necessary, after the project funding agreement is signed, the revised project must be within the same eligible project category and receive a point score higher than the funding cut-off point based upon the scoring criteria for the year in which the project was originally approved. Project revisions initiated by the sponsor, which significantly change the project before the allocation of funds by the Air District Board of Directors will not be accepted. **(Regional Funds)**

INELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- 15. Duplication:** Applications for projects, which duplicate existing projects, regardless of funding source, will not be considered for funding. Combining Program Manager Funds with TFCA Regional Funds for a single project is not project duplication. **(Regional Funds; Program Manager Funds; VIP)**
- 16. Employee Subsidy:** Projects that provide a direct or indirect financial transit or rideshare subsidy exclusively to employees of the project sponsor will not be considered for funding. For projects that provide such subsidies, the direct or indirect financial transit or rideshare subsidy must be available, in addition to the employees of the project sponsor, to employees other than those of the project sponsor. **(Regional Funds; Program Manager Funds; VIP)**

USE OF TFCA FUNDS

- 17. Combined Funds:** TFCA County Program Manager Funds may be combined with TFCA Regional Funds for the funding of an eligible project. For purposes of calculating TFCA funding effectiveness for TFCA Regional Funds (Evaluation Criterion #1), the 40% County Program Manager Funds will be included in the calculation of the TFCA cost of the project. TFCA Regional Funds will not be included in calculating the aggregate cost-effectiveness of each County Program Manager annual TFCA expenditure plan. **(Regional Funds; Program Manager Funds)**
- 18. Cost of Developing Proposals:** The costs of developing proposals for TFCA funding are not eligible to be reimbursed with TFCA funds. **(Regional Funds; Program Manager Funds; VIP)**
- 19. Administrative Costs:** Administrative costs are limited to a maximum of five (5) percent of total TFCA funds expended on a project. *Please see the Appendix of this document for Air District policy defining allowable administrative costs.* **(Regional Funds; Program Manager Funds)**
- 20. Expend Funds within Two Years:** Any public agency or entity receiving Regional Funds must expend the funds within two years of the effective date of the Funding Agreement, unless a longer period is approved in advance by the Air District. In the case of the Program Manager funds, the funds must be expended within two years of receipt of the first transfer of funds from the Air District to the Program Manager in the applicable fiscal year, unless a longer period is approved in advance by the Program Manager. **(Regional Funds; Program Manager Funds)**

CLEAN AIR VEHICLE (CAV) PROJECTS

- 21. Clean Air Vehicle Infrastructure:** The TFCA Regional Fund will fund the clean air vehicle infrastructure development associated only with electric vehicle projects and only under the following conditions: a) the maximum level of funding is limited to the amount necessary to satisfy the recharging demand created by the project; and b) after satisfying the project needs, the recharging infrastructure must be accessible, to the extent feasible, to other public agencies, private fleets, and the general public.

The TFCA Program Manager Funds may be used for both electric recharging and natural gas fueling infrastructure. The electric recharging and natural gas fueling infrastructure must be accessible, to the extent feasible, to other public agencies, private fleets, and the general public. **(Regional Funds; Program Manager Funds)**

- 22. Light-Duty CAV Eligibility:** All chassis-certified vehicles (light- and most medium-duty vehicles) certified by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) as meeting established ultra low emission vehicle (ULEV), super low emission vehicle (SULEV), or zero emission vehicle (ZEV) standards are eligible for TFCA funding. Hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs) that meet the ULEV, SULEV, or ZEV standards are eligible for TFCA funding. **(Program Manager Funds; VIP)**
- 23. Light-Duty CAV Funding Participation:** For clean air vehicle projects for passenger cars, pick-up trucks, and vans with a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or less, project sponsors may receive no more than the following funding incentive amounts:

TFCA Funding

Eligible Vehicle	Amount Per Vehicle**
Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (ULEV)	\$2,000
Super Low Emission Vehicle (SULEV)	\$4,500
Highway Zero Emission Vehicle	\$6,000
City Zero Emission Vehicle	\$3,000
Neighborhood Zero Emission Vehicle	\$1,500
Three-wheel Zero Emission Vehicle	\$1,500
Hybrid electric vehicles (ULEV)	\$1,000
Hybrid electric vehicles (SULEV)	\$2,000

** These funding amounts will be pro-rated for leased vehicles in those cases where the vehicle is available for purchase.

(Program Manager Funds; VIP)

- 24. *New Heavy-Duty CAV Eligibility:*** To be eligible for TFCA funding, *the engines of all new heavy-duty vehicles (including some medium-duty vehicles) must be certified to at least CARB's optional reduced-emission NO_x plus non-methane hydrocarbon (NMHC) standard for 2004,*

New vehicles that are bi-fuel, or that otherwise have the ability to operate on gasoline or diesel as their primary fuel are not eligible for funding (for purchase or lease) as TFCA clean air vehicle projects.

(Regional Funds; Program Manager Funds)

- 25. *Heavy-Duty CAV Funding Participation:*** For clean air vehicle projects with a gross vehicle weight of more than 10,000 pounds, project sponsors may receive no more than the incremental cost of the cleaner vehicle. Incremental cost is the difference in the purchase prices of the clean air vehicle and its diesel or gasoline counterpart. However, public transit agencies, which have elected to pursue the "alternative fuel" path under CARB's urban transit bus regulation, may continue to apply for up to \$150,000 per alternatively fueled transit bus (30 ft. or bigger). **(Regional Funds; Program Manager Funds)**

- 26. *Heavy-Duty Vehicle Replacement:*** Vehicles greater than 10,000 lbs. GVW purchased with TFCA funds must *either:*

a) replace an existing similar or equivalent vehicle within the applicable vehicle fleet *or within the fleet of the project sponsor.* The vehicle being replaced must be removed from service and destroyed (i.e., destruction of the engine block and frame/chassis), *or*
 b) *add a diesel particulate filter to an existing similar or equivalent vehicle within the applicable vehicle fleet or within the fleet of the project sponsor. The filter must be certified or verified by CARB to reduce emissions and be approved by CARB for use with the relevant engine. This option requires the use of ultra-low-sulfur diesel.*

(Regional Funds; Program Manager Funds)

- 27. *Reducing Emissions from Existing Heavy-Duty Diesel Engines:***

a) *Repowers – To be eligible for TFCA funding, the new engines selected to repower an existing heavy-duty vehicle (including some medium-duty vehicles) must be certified to at least CARB's optional reduced-emission NO_x plus non-methane hydrocarbon (NMHC) standard for 2004.*

b) *Retrofits – Retrofit devices and technologies, and clean fuel additives or substitutes, compatible with existing heavy-duty diesel engines are eligible for TFCA funding, subject to the conditions described below:*

1) All devices or technologies must be certified or verified by CARB to reduce emissions and be approved by CARB for use with the relevant engine.

2) The use of ultra-low sulfur diesel (15 ppm sulfur, or less) is required in conjunction with all particulate filter devices.

3) *Ultra-low-sulfur diesel is not eligible for funding.*

4) *TFCA will fund, at most, the incremental cost (over what is standard or required by regulation) of the technology, fuel additive, or substitute.*

5) *Particulate matter (PM) retrofit filters must meet the CARB 2004 standard of no more than 20% NO₂ slip.*

For the Regional Fund, the sum of all projects funded under Policy #27 in a fiscal year shall not exceed 20% of the Regional Funds available for that fiscal year. For the Program Manager Fund, the sum of each individual County's projects funded under Policy #27 in a fiscal year shall not exceed 20% of the County's Program Manager Funds for that fiscal year.

(Regional Funds; Program Manager Funds)

- 28. Bus Replacements:** For purposes of transit and school bus replacement projects, a bus is any vehicle designed, used, or maintained for carrying more than 15 persons including the driver. A vehicle designed, used, or maintained for carrying more than 10 persons, including the driver, which is used to transport persons for compensation or profit, or is used by any nonprofit organization or group, is also a bus. A vanpool vehicle is not a bus. **(Regional Funds; Program Manager Funds)**

SHUTTLE/FEEDER BUS SERVICE PROJECTS

- 29. Shuttle/Feeder Bus Service:** Any application for a project to operate a shuttle or feeder bus route to and from a rail station, airport, or ferry terminal must:

- a) be submitted by a public transit agency; or
- b) be accompanied by documentation from the General Manager of the transit agency that provides service in the area of the proposed shuttle route, which demonstrates that the proposed shuttle service does not duplicate or conflict with existing transit agency revenue service.

All shuttle/feeder bus service to rail or ferry stations must be timed to meet the rail or ferry lines being served.

Independent (non-transit agency) shuttle/feeder bus projects that received TFCA funding prior to FY 2002/03 and obtained a letter of support from all potentially affected transit agencies need not comply with "b" above unless funding is requested for a new or modified shuttle/feeder bus route.

All vehicles used in any shuttle/feeder bus service must meet the applicable California Air Resources Board (CARB) particulate matter (PM) standards for public transit fleets. *For the purposes of TFCA funding, shuttle projects comply with these standards by using one of the following types of shuttle/feeder bus vehicles:*

- a) *an alternate fuel vehicle (CNG, LNG, propane, electric);*
- b) *a hybrid-electric vehicle;*
- c) *a post-1994 diesel vehicle and a CARB-certified particulate filter (this option requires the use of ultra-low-sulfur diesel); or*
- d) *a post-1989 gasoline-fueled vehicle.*

No other types of vehicles, except for those listed in a through d above, are eligible for funding as shuttle/feeder bus service projects.

(Regional Funds; Program Manager Funds)

BICYCLE PROJECTS

- 30. Bicycle Projects:** Bicycle facility improvement projects that are included in an adopted countywide bicycle plan or Congestion Management Program (CMP) are eligible to receive TFCA funds. For purposes of this policy, if there is no adopted countywide bicycle plan, the project must be in the county's CMP, or the responsible Congestion Management Agency must provide written intent to include the project in the next update of the CMP. Eligible bicycle projects are limited to the following types of bicycle improvement facilities: a) Class 1 bicycle paths; b) Class 2 bicycle lanes (or widening of outside lanes to accommodate bicycles); c) Class 3 bicycle routes; d) bicycle racks, including bicycle racks on transit buses, trains, shuttle vehicles, and ferry vessels; e) bicycle lockers; f) attended bicycle storage facilities; and g) development of a region-wide web-based bicycle trip planning system. All bicycle facility improvement projects must, where applicable, be consistent with design standards published in Chapter 1000 of the California Highway Design Manual. **(Regional Funds; Program Manager Funds)**

ARTERIAL MANAGEMENT PROJECTS

- 31. Arterial Management:** TFCA funds may only be used for arterial management projects where the affected arterial has an average daily traffic volume of 20,000 or more, or an average peak hour traffic volume of 2,000 or more. The project must specifically identify a given arterial segment and define what improvement(s) will be made to affect traffic flow on the identified arterial segment. Projects that provide routine maintenance (e.g., responding to citizen complaints about malfunctioning signal equipment) are not eligible to receive TFCA funding. **(Regional Funds; Program Manager Funds)**

SMART GROWTH PROJECTS

- 32. Smart Growth:** Physical improvements that support development projects that achieve motor vehicle emission reductions are eligible for TFCA funds subject to the following conditions: a) the development project and the physical improvements must be identified in an approved area-specific plan, redevelopment plan, general plan, bicycle plan, pedestrian plan, *traffic-calming plan*, or other similar plan; and b)

the project must implement one or more transportation control measures (TCMs) in the applicable Bay Area Clean Air Plan or Bay Area 2001 Ozone Attainment Plan. Projects that implement TCM 19 (pedestrian improvements) or TCM 20 (traffic calming) are encouraged. Projects that would implement other TCMs will also be considered for funding. **(Regional Funds; Program Manager Funds)**

APPLICANT IN GOOD STANDING

- 33. Monitoring and Reporting:** Project sponsors who have failed to fulfill monitoring and reporting requirements for any previously funded TFCA Regional Fund project will not be considered for new funding for the current funding cycle, and until such time as the unfulfilled obligations are met. **(Regional Funds)**
- 34. Failed Audit:** Project sponsors who have failed either the fiscal audit or the performance audit for a prior TFCA project will, at the discretion of the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO), not be considered for future funding. Any future funds, which are awarded to the agency, will not be released until all audit recommendations and remedies have been implemented. **(Regional Funds)**
- 35. Signed Funding Agreement:** Project applicants will have to sign a Funding Agreement within three (3) months after it has been transmitted to them by the APCO in order to remain eligible for the granted TFCA funds. The APCO may grant a one-time extension of three (3) months to the applicant for just cause. Project applications will not be considered from project sponsors who were awarded TFCA funds in a previous year and have not signed a Funding Agreement with the Air District by the current application deadline. **(Regional Funds)**
- 36. Implementation:** Project sponsors that have a signed Funding Agreement for a prior TFCA project, but have not yet implemented that project by the current application deadline, will not be considered for funding for any new project. The phrase "implemented that project" means that the project has moved beyond initial planning stages and *the project is being implemented consistent with the implementation schedule specified in the project funding agreement.* **(Regional Funds)**

FISCAL

- 37. Returned Funds:** TFCA returned funds accrue to the TFCA Regional Fund and will be allocated to new TFCA Regional Fund projects during the next funding cycle. TFCA returned funds consist of a) TFCA Regional Funds allocated to projects that are completed under budget, cancelled, or awarded an amount less than the Board approved allocation; b) any unallocated TFCA Regional Funds from the prior year funding cycle; or c) TFCA County Program Manager funds that are returned to the Air District. **(Regional Funds)**

REGIONAL FUND EVALUATION CRITERIA

FY 03/04 TFCA Regional Fund Scoring Criteria

Criteria	Maximum Points
1. TFCA Funding Effectiveness	60
2. Other Project Attributes	15
3. Clean Air Policies and Programs	10
4. Disadvantaged Community	10
5. Promote Alternative Transportation Modes	5
Total	100

DISCUSSION

The maximum possible score is 100 points. Projects will be ranked by total point score in descending order. A minimum score of 40 points is required to be considered for funding. In the event that two or more projects achieve an equal score, project ranking will be determined by TFCA Funding Effectiveness (Criterion #1). The project with the best TFCA Funding Effectiveness will receive priority.

Available Regional Funds will be allocated to projects beginning with the highest ranking project and proceeding in sequence to lower-scoring projects, to fund as many eligible projects as available funds can fully cover. The point where the next-ranked eligible project cannot be fully funded defines the cut-off point for the funding cycle, i.e., all projects above this point will be funded. Any remaining available funds will be allocated to projects in the subsequent funding cycle. No partial grant awards will be made.

☐ **Criterion 1: TFCA Funding Effectiveness: [maximum 60 points]**

This criterion is designed to measure the cost-effectiveness of a project in reducing air pollutant emissions and to encourage projects that contribute funding from other, non-TFCA sources in excess of required matching funds. TFCA funds budgeted for the project (both Regional Funds and County Program Manager Funds combined) will be divided by the estimated lifetime emissions reduction for the project. The estimated lifetime emission reduction is the sum of reactive organic gases (ROG), oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), and particulate matter (PM₁₀) that will be reduced over the life of the project. Air District staff will determine the estimated emission reductions and TFCA funding effectiveness for the project.

The point scale for awarding points for this criterion is presented below.

Point Scale for Criteria 1

TFCA \$/Ton		Points	TFCA \$/Ton		Points
\$0	\$19,999	60	\$66,000 -	\$67,999	36
\$20,000 -	\$21,999	59	\$68,000 -	\$69,999	35
\$22,000 -	\$23,999	58	\$70,000 -	\$71,999	34
\$24,000 -	\$25,999	57	\$72,000 -	\$73,999	33
\$26,000 -	\$27,999	56	\$74,000 -	\$75,999	32
\$28,000 -	\$29,999	55	\$76,000 -	\$77,999	31
\$30,000 -	\$31,999	54	\$78,000 -	\$79,999	30
\$32,000 -	\$33,999	53	\$80,000 -	\$81,999	29
\$34,000 -	\$35,999	52	\$82,000 -	\$83,999	28
\$36,000 -	\$37,999	51	\$84,000 -	\$85,999	27
\$38,000 -	\$39,999	50	\$86,000 -	\$87,999	26
\$40,000 -	\$41,999	49	\$88,000 -	\$89,999	25
\$42,000 -	\$43,999	48	\$90,000 -	and above	0
\$44,000 -	\$45,999	47			
\$46,000 -	\$47,999	46			
\$48,000 -	\$49,999	45			
\$50,000 -	\$51,999	44			
\$52,000 -	\$53,999	43			
\$54,000 -	\$55,999	42			
\$56,000 -	\$57,999	41			
\$58,000 -	\$59,999	40			
\$60,000 -	\$61,999	39			
\$62,000 -	\$63,999	38			
\$64,000 -	\$65,999	37			

❑ Criterion 2: Other Project Attributes [maximum 15 points]

The purpose of this criterion is to provide a mechanism in the evaluation and scoring process to identify and assess desirable project attributes that are not captured in the analysis of TFCA funding effectiveness. Projects may score points under this criterion based upon other project attributes identified for each project type. The specific project attributes for each project type will be identified after project applications have been received and reviewed.

❑ Criterion 3: Clean Air Policies and Programs [maximum 10 points]

The purpose of this criterion is to recognize and encourage efforts of public agencies to implement policies and programs that promote the region's air quality objectives, especially land use and transportation policies that help to reduce air pollution from motor vehicles.

To receive points for this criterion, the sponsoring agency must describe its policies and actions to implement the transportation control measures (TCMs) in the applicable Bay Area Clean Air Plan or Bay Area 2001 Ozone Attainment Plan. Points will be awarded based upon the performance of the project sponsor in implementing those elements of each TCM, which are within the purview of the sponsor agency.

☐ **Criterion 4: Disadvantaged Community [maximum 10 points]**

This criterion will award a maximum of 10 points (sliding scale 0-10 points) for projects that directly reduce emissions in economically disadvantaged communities. For purposes of this criterion, economically disadvantaged communities are defined in a report entitled A Guide to the Bay Area's Most Impoverished Neighborhoods, prepared for the Bay Area Partnership by the Northern California Council for the Community. Forty-six disadvantaged communities throughout the Bay Area are identified. To qualify for points, the project must directly benefit one or more of these communities. The project sponsor must 1) identify the census tracts in the disadvantaged community that will benefit from the project, 2) specify the percentage of project resources or services that will be delivered to the identified disadvantaged community, and 3) provide a clear explanation as to how the project directly benefits residents in that community. The number of points awarded will be based upon the percentage of project resources that directly benefit the community and the extent to which the project sponsor demonstrates this benefit.

☐ **Criterion 5: Promote Alternative Transportation Modes [maximum 5 points]**

This criterion will award a maximum of 5 points (sliding scale 0-5 points) for projects that promote alternative modes of transportation (transit, ridesharing, bicycling, walking) and reduce single occupant vehicle trips by the general public: e.g., shuttle services, ridesharing, bicycle facility improvements, and “smart growth” projects. The number of points awarded will be based upon the Air District’s estimate of the number of project users or beneficiaries.